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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

The references cited in the IDS form submitted herewith were first brought to Applicants' attention by way of a Notice of Opposition filed in European Patent Application No. 05740715, which is related to the instant application through priority. It should be noted that U.S. Patent No. 5,354,099 is cited as being an English language equivalent to German Patent DE 4041025. Also it should be noted that U.S. Patent No. 7,632,380 is cited as being an English language equivalent to WIPO Publication No. 03/097937. Further, U.S. Patent No. 6,428,051 included in the Information Disclosure Statement corresponds to U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0030360 previously cited by the Examiner in the Office Action of September 26, 2008. Applicants have refrained from submitting a copy of the Opposition papers filed in the German proceedings as an English language translation is not available.

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Applicants are not aware of any other references to be identified at this time. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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